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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE

1. GIANFRANCO CORSINI, COLUMNIST ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS FOR PAESE SERA, TRAVELLING TO US APPROXIMATELY 26 SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 20. (NEW YORK SEP 26-OCTOBER 7; WASHINGTON OCTOBER 7-15, TENTATIVE). HIS MAIN CONCERN IS BICENTENNIAL FOCUS: HOW IS AMERICA DOING ON ITS 200TH ANNIVERSARY? WHAT ARE MAIN PROBLEMS AND HOW DO AMERICANS PROPOSE TO COPE WITH THEM? HAS VISION OF AMERICAN DREAM BEEN ALTERED, AND DO AMERICANS STILL PURSUE IT?

2. CORSINI WRITES FOR WIDELY-READ COMMUNIST-LINE PAPER BUT IS KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SURPRISINGLY SYMPATHETIC OBSERVER OF US SCENE. THIS TRIP IN WORKS FOR SOME MONTHS. CORSINI HAS VISITED US PREVIOUSLY AND HAS GOOD CONTACTS IN INTELLECTUAL AND ACADEMIC CIRCLES ON LEFT. HE ALSO UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND TEACHES COURSES ON US. HE HAS JUST COMPLETED ONLY SERIOUS ITALIAN BOOK ON US THIS YEAR ON BICENTENNIAL PERSPECTIVE, IN COLLABORATION WITH SOCIALIST PROFESSOR, FOR CHRISTMAS PUBLICATION. ALTHOUGH PCI MEMBER OF LONG STANDING, CORSINI BELIEVED NOT TO HAVE CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PARTY LEADERSHIP.

3. CORSINI HOPES PUT ABOVE QUESTIONS TO BROAD SEGMENT OF AMERICANS, AND ASKS FOR USIA ASSISTANCE ON FOLLOWING:

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A) A PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR IN THE DOMESTIC ARENA ON THE CURRENT STATE AND MOOD OF THE NATION AS SEEN FROM WHITE HOUSE;

B) ATTORNEY GENERAL LEVI;

C. PAUL SAMUELSON;

D) ITALIAN AFFAIRS OFFICERS AT STATE;

E) AN APPROPRIATE SPOKESMAN FOR LABOR ATTITUDES, PREFERABLY OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION;

F) A KEY FIGURE ON THE REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE, OR OTHER REPUBLICAN PARTY POLICY MAKER;

G) A PASS TO ATTEND SFRC HEARINGS COTOBER 8, WITH POLLSTERS TESTIFYING ON CHANGING AMERICAN ATTITUDES AND OPINION TRENDS;

H) WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH FSIO MORTON SMITH, WHOM HE MET WHEN LATTER ON ROME INSPECTION.

4. CORSINI OPEN TO FURTHER SUGGESTIONS ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS. HE HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN SEVERAL PIECES USING LATEST RESULTS FROM SEVERAL OPINION POLLS TO SUGGEST THAT MAJOR ATTITUDINAL CHANGES UNDERWAY IN US (E.G. BRUCE RUSSETT POLL IN RECENT POLITICAL SCIENCE QUARTERLY).

5. PAESE SERA INFLUENTIAL OUTSIDE COMMUNIST PARTY CIRCLES PARTLY BECAUSE OF QUALITY OF COVERAGE OF ARTS AND WIDE-RANGING GENERAL COVERAGE. CORSINI IS RESPONSIBLE JOURNALIST WHO SPEAKS FLUENT ENGLISH. HIS WIFE IS AMERICAN AND CURRENTLY RESIDING US. IN VIEW SIGNIFICANCE OF PROJECT, POST URGES MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE APPROPRIATE. CORSINI KNOWS STRICKER AND WILL CONTACT PRESS CENTER NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON UPON ARRIVAL. AMERSON

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